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### **Idaho Potato Stocks Up 13 percent from Last Year**

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 51.0 million cwt, 6.0 million cwt more than on hand April 1, 2009. Disappearance, at 80.0 million cwt is up from last year's 71.5 million cwt. Disappearance during March, at 14.5 million cwt, is the largest March disappearance since March 2001. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.0 million cwt, up from last year's 1.5 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 49.0 million cwt, were up from the 43.5 million cwt stored on April 1, 2009. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 7.12 million cwt of 2009 crop raw potatoes during March, up 3.5 percent from March 2009. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 49.2 million cwt of 2009 crop raw potatoes to April 1, up 0.3 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 43.4 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 5.77 million cwt were produced in other states.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 129 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 34 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 3 percentage points above April 1, 2009. Potato disappearance, at 255 million cwt, was slightly above April 1, 2009. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 24.4 million cwt, was up 18 percent from the same date in 2009. Processors in the 9 major States have used 125 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 6 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 23.0 million cwt of the total processing, down 7 percent from last year.

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